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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes new Fig. 8. This sheet is submitted in response to the drawing objection in item 1 of the Office Action, which requested the applicant to provide a drawing showing the structure of an embodiment within the scope of claim 3, where the inner shaft has a split end which is received within the internal tube in a telescoping arrangement and where the inner shaft part provides the inner tube part of the locking mechanism. The specification has been amended to include a description of this figure. Applicant submits that no new matter was added.

Attachment: Drawing Sheet containing Fig. 8



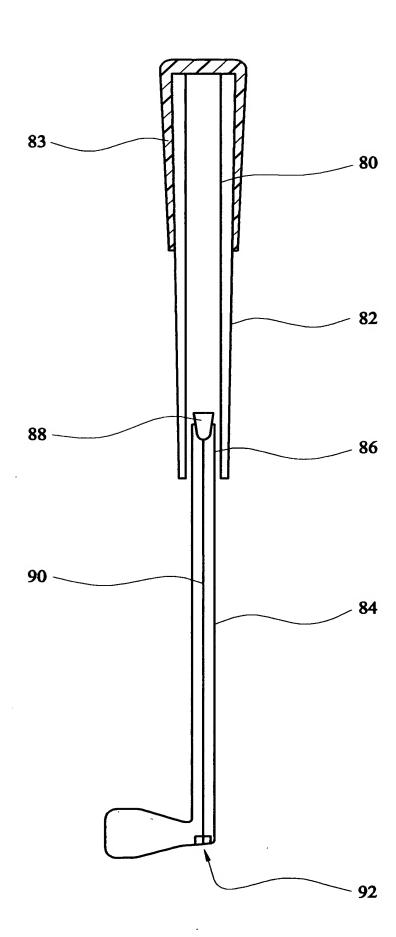


FIG. 8